Fergie Funds HIV Prevention for Young Adults

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Pop star and M·A·C spokesperson Fergie announced 11 new grants yesterday from the M·A·C AIDS Fund, which will be geared toward HIV prevention among people ages 15 to 24, a group that accounts for half of new infections worldwide, MarketWatch reports. The $2.3 million M·A·C AIDS Fund Global Youth Prevention Initiative is funded solely from sales of the singer's VIVA GLAM VI Special Edition Lipglass.

"Every 15 seconds someone between the ages of 15 and 24 is infected with HIV, and combating the spread of this disease has a lot to do with raising awareness," Fergie said. "As a musician, I'm able to reach a wider audience about issues close to my heart, and through the VIVA GLAM campaign, I've been able to get this message across to youth around the world. I'm so gratified that my lipglass has raised funds to help prevent youth across the globe from contracting HIV."

Grant recipients include Albert Einstein College of Medicine in India; Grassroot Soccer in Africa; the Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention in Canada; the U.S. Mexico Border Health Association and Border AIDS Partnership; SafeSpace NYC, Inc., in New York; California Prevention & Education Project (CAL-PEP); Howard Brown Health Center (HBHC); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center; Sexuality Information and Education of the United States; University of California San Francisco Foundation; and The Women's Collective.

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